THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (f) M|s. John Wyeth & Brothers are getting manufactured 14 items from M|s. Geoffray Manners, under Manufacturing Agreement from around 1943. Information to the extent available would be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Ban on new capacities for semi-synthetic penicillines

623. SHRI (MOLANA) ASRARUL HAQ: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned 'Ministry Damns Local Drug Units' which appeared in the "Blitz" of the 13th July, 1985;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that there was a ban on grant of new capacity and expension for the manufacture of semi-synthetic pencillines ending April, 1985 on account of excess capacities already established;

(c) if so, what are the names of the semi-synthetic Pencilines drugs which have been included in the delicensing list alongwith production of each during the last three years, year-wise;

(d) what were the reasons which suddenly forced Government to reverse the decision; and

(e) whether it is also a fact that an Indian company was denied permission to manufacture the bulk drug for export while a multinational company was given permission for manufacture of a formulation for export?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) (a) This Ministry has seen the press reports to this effect.

(b) Government had imposed a temporary ban for a perod of one year in April, 1984 on further licensing on 6 APA and semi-synthetic Pencillins.

(c) Among semi-synthetic Pencillins, only Ampicillin and its formulations have been delicensed. Production of Ampicillin in the organised sector during the three years has been as under:

			Production	
	Unit	1981—82	1982—83	1983—84
Ampicillin	Tonnes	79.69	122.50	123.62

(d) There is no reversal of the Government decision. The scheme of delicensing, has so far extended to bulk drugs and formulations, is intended to simplify licensing procedures for non-FERA and non-MRTP companies in respect of articles not reserved for small scale/public sector.

(e) In January, 1984 M/S Cipla had applied for DGTD registration for the manufacture of Ranitidine from penultimate stage for 100% export till the drug is cleared for marketing in the country. The Ministry reviewed the position in regard to such cases and , as the DGTD does not have machanism to monitor export, recommended to the DGTD that in all such cases the company should be asked to apply for Industrial Licence for 100% export. DGTD concurred this Ministry's Views and rejected the application. Prior to January, 1984 DGTD registrations were granted for export of drugs not approved for marketing in the country.

Import Tetracycline Hel.

624. SHRI (MOLANA) ASRARUL HAQ: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tetracycline Hcl was imported in huge quantities during the last three years by drug formulators and drug importers;

(b) if so, what is the total quantity imported each year alongwith name of the parties, quantity and price at which imported;

(c) what is the price fixed by Government for Tetracycline Hcl;

(d) whether it is a fact that imported price was much lower; if so, whether any amount of equalisation was collected;

(e) what was the Tetracycline Hcl price, based on which the prices of Achromycin, Subamycin, Sandosycline, Hostacycline, Achycline, Lupicyclin, Resteclni preparations were fixed and what was the price per pack fixed for each brand fixed indicating the strength and the date of approval; and

(f) what was the sales turn over of each brand during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) and (b) The available information with regard to total import of Tetracycline during 1981-82 to 1983-84, alongwith its c.i.f. rate is given below:

Year	Quantity	c.e.f. rate
	Kgs.	Rs. per Kg
1981-82	90,300	281.86
1982-83	66,670	240.96
1983-84	58,185	208.37

Such information is not being monitored by this Ministry party-wise.

(c) Notified price of Tetracycline Hcl. is Rs. 801.49 per Kg.

(d) The landed cost of the imports is less than the indigenous price. M/s. Hoechst India Ltd. who are one of the major formulators of Tetracycline and procured large quantity of imported Tetracycline were issued a notice for the recovery of amount due from them in the Drug Prices Equalisation Account. They have furnished their reply along with details recently.

(e) In fixing the prices of formulations based on Tetracycline a price of Rs. 801.49 + 8 per cent incidentals was taken into consideration. The leader prices fixed, for Tetracycline Hel. based formulations are as under. Individual formulators sell their formulations under their own brand names:

Tetracycline Caps. 250mg/C. p.	
	(Rs.)
12's	5.69
10 x 10's	51.85
100's	49.51
Tetracycline Caps. 500mg/C. p.	
25 x 4's	93.36

(f) Sales turnover of individual formulations/packs are not monitored.

Reversal of the order to wind up business in the country to Wyeth (India) Pvt. Ltd.

625. SRHI (MOLANA) ASRARUL HAQ: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Blitz of the 13th July, 1985 captioned Ministry Damns Local Drug Units';

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that it was known to Govt. in 1978 that Wyeth India Private Limited were neither engaged in manufacturing nor in trading activities and if so, how the orders of his own Ministry to RBI for directing this company to wind up were reversed;

(c) what have been the year-wise profits of this company from 1976 to date and what has been its remit-